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EXPORT OF INDIAN HERBS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of Indian herbs has increased in the developed countries;

(b) if so, the total worth of the herbs exported during each of the last three years, country-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of herbs in other countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a). Yes, Sir.

(b). Total value of Indian herbs / herbal ayurvedic products exported during each of the last three years are as under:

Year	Exports (Rs. in lakhs)
1998-1999	40235.37
1999-2000	33647.68
2000-2001	57896.00

(Source : DGCI&S)

Country-wise data is available in the DGCI&S publication viz. `Monthly statistics of the Foreign Trade of India`.

(c). The Government is extending Market Development Assistance through Export Promotion Councils to all exporters including exporters of herbal products for competing in foreign markets through participation in overseas fairs, exhibitions, for mounting trade delegations and for conducting market surveys in foreign countries. Department of Indian system of Medicines and Homeopathy under Government of India exclusively concentrates on all aspects of Indian system of medicines to redress various problems faced by the industry.